

8 February 1950

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Dear Lester:

It was very kind of you to think of me in connection with the luncheon of the Military Order of the World Wars on 9 March. However, I am sorry I must decline as I expect to be absent from the city at that time. Further, there is an additional handicap of my making an address because the National Security Council has formally directed that the Central Intelligence Agency and its Director operate with a minimum of publicity. So, even if I were here, it would be impossible for me to give a lecture.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and, with best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

*Signed - via CR 4P/50*

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